

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF RISHTON.

A N N U A L   R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including details of work done by the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the District of Rishton for the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1970.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

of the

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF RISHTON.

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Council Offices,  
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May, 1971.

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen

I have the honour to present my report on the Health Administration of Rishton for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,878.4
Rateable Value..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£195,507
Estimated Product of 1d Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£793
Population 1961 Census	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,431
Estimated 1969 Mid-year Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,650
Estimated 1970 Mid-year Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,520

Rishton is a compact Urban area whose chief industries are, cotton felt and carpet weaving, paper making, paper string, paint, varnish, slipper and shoe manufacture and plastic products.



## VITAL STATISTICS

Death Rate (crude)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.3
Death Rate (adjusted to National Rate).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.5
Live Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.5
Live Birth Rate (adjusted to National Rate)..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.9
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total births.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10

### DEATHS OF INFANTS.

Under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Perinatal Mortality	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during 1970.

Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Meningitis.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food Poisoning...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

## LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Local Health and Welfare Services under the National Health and Assistance Acts are administered in Rishton by the Lancashire County Council No. 5. Health Division.

Miss J. Lord is the Health Visitor/School Nurse for the Rishton District and the following are the services administered at the Child Welfare and School Clinic, 108, High Street, Rishton. Telephone No. Gt. Harwood 3177





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|----|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 1. | Child Welfare Clinic... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Each Tuesday Afternoon                    |
| 2. | Immunisation Clinic ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | As & when arranged                        |
| 3. | Orthopaedic Clinic ...  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4th Wednesday each month (by appointment) |
| 4. | Ophthalmic Clinic ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1st & 3rd Friday (by appointment)         |
| 5. | Dental Clinic ...       | ... | ... | ... | ... | Each Monday & Thursday                    |
| 6. | Physiotherapy ...       | ... | ... | ... | ... | Each Wednesday (all day)                  |

Wherever possible appointments should be made before attending the Clinics (under headings 3 to 6) are attended, though the Dental Officer will attend to cases of toothache without appointment.

The County Midwives for Rishton are:-

Mrs. Phillipson,  
15, Southcliffe,  
Gt. Harwood.  
Telephone: Lomax 281.

Mrs. Hodgson,  
50, Whalley Road,  
Gt. Harwood.  
Telephone: Gt. Harwood 2247

The County District Nurses for Rishton are:-

Mrs. Burton,  
37, Whalley Road,  
Gt. Harwood,  
Telephone: Gt. Harwood 3102

Mrs. Fielding,  
2, Dorset Road,  
RISHTON.  
Telephone: Gt. Harwood 2377.

Mr. Waddington,  
55, Cliff Street,  
Rishton.  
Telephone: Gt. Harwood 2495

To obtain the Ambulance Service, ring Accrington 34834.

# STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

				<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births - Legitimate...	...	...		50	46	96
Live Births - Illegitimate.	...	...		3	3	6
				53	49	102
Stillbirths - Legitimate...	...	...		1	1	2
Stillbirths - Illegitimate.	...	...		-	-	-
Deaths...	...	...	...	51	39	90





POPULATION FIGURES OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS

	Registrar General's Est.Figures.	Births.	Deaths.	Birth and Death Differential
1970	5,520	102	90	+ 12
1969	5,650	111	96	+ 15
1968	5,610	103	82	+ 21
1967	5,530	85	97	- 12
1966	5,440	82	85	- 3
1965	5,400	78	88	- 10
1964	5,370	83	83	
1963	5,440	71	84	- 13
1962	5,450	97	77	+ 20
1961	5,460	82	77	+ 5

SUMMARY CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Malignant Neoplasms, Stomach	-	5	5
Malignant Neoplasms, Intestines	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasms, Lung, Bronchus	9	2	11
Malignant Neoplasms, Prostrate	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	2	3
Hypertensive Disease	1	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	15	6	21
Other forms of Heart Disease	4	6	10
Cerebrovascular Disease	6	2	8
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	1	1
Pneumonia	5	4	9
Bronchitis & Emphysema	3	2	5
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	-	2	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	1	1
Other Diseases, Genito Urinary System	1	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	1	2
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1	1
Symptoms & Ill defined Conditions	-	1	1
All other Accidents	-	1	1
	51	39	90



PUBLIC HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930.

The number of cases in the Tuberculosis Register at the 31st December, 1970, as compared with 1969.

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total.		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total.
1970	1	1	2	2	-	2	3	1	4
1969	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED  
OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

Disease	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Measles	5	-	3	3	66
Meningitis	-	-	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	1	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	1	-	-

On behalf of Dr. R. C. Webster who recently retired after 22 years as Medical Officer, I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and encouragement through the year and Mr. Pilkington and other officials and staff for their friendly help.

Yours faithfully

P. M. SAMMON.

Medical Officer of Health.



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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year ended 31st December, 1970.

In the body of the report attention is drawn to several developments the main one being the development of General Improvement Areas and Improvement Grants, the findings of the study will be presented next year. Again in the report attention is drawn to Refuse Disposal problem.

Another item is the problem associated with dogs running loose, causing numerous complaints from the public regarding the fouling of pavements.

Yours faithfully

S. PILKINGTON.

Public Health Inspector.





## ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

The scheme for providing a pumping station to remove sewage from 29 houses previously served by septic tank has now been completed, and they are now connected to the main sewerage system.

The study of housing in the area has been undertaken with the assistance of the National Building Agency, this study has led to proposed general improvement areas and the use of improvement grants. The study and report should be finalised during 1971. The long term results of this study should result in the upgrading of the Environmental Quality of the area.

Indiscriminate tipping of rubbish on pieces of waste land and back streets is still on the increase in spite of the fact that the local tip is made available to the public seven days a week.

Experiments will have to be carried out to solve this problem as it becomes more and more evident that publicity is not having the desired effect. The soiling of pavements by dogs wandering loose night or day is a problem that the public are growing more conscious of every day.

Until it is a general rule that all dogs must be on a leash this filthy condition will prevail.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Negotiations have commenced in two directions for the disposal of Household Refuse, but neither has been finalised during the year. British Rail have been approached with a view of leasing a length of railway cutting alongside the existing tip, for tipping purposes, the arrangement has still to be finalised. Negotiations have also been entered into with neighbouring authority Accrington Borough regarding the incineration of Household Refuse, in this instance also negotiations have not been finalised.

The paper sack system has again been extended by approximately 100 units, another step towards 100% paper sack refuse collection service.

We have had our share of troubles at the tip again, mainly caused by fires which have been started deliberately. Not one fire was attributable by spontaneous combustion.

## SMOKE CONTROL.

Unfortunately during the year, due to the fuel situation, our existing Smoke Control Zones had to be temporarily suspended, and the extension of the zones received a set back. However individual conversions were still going on throughout the town during this period.





### FOOD PREMISES.

There has been no introduction of any new Food Manufacturing premises during the year. Frequent inspections have been made of existing food handling premises, and it is found that the ready co-operation given by the food handlers has readily maintained the standard.

### MILK.

45 Samples were taken during the year, 4 of which proved positive, two of these proved positive after a culture test, 4 no results 1 no result after a culture test.

### HOUSING.

Houses inspected for defects...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
No. of inspections made for the purpose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118
No. of Dwelling houses not found in all respects fit for human habitation...							29
No. of Dwelling houses found to be unfit for human habitation	...						-
No of Dwelling houses rendered fit by informal action...	...	...	...				15
No. of Dwelling houses in respect of which formal notice was served							-
No. made fit by Local Authority after service of formal notice. ...							-
Certificates of unfitness applied for ,...	...	...	...	...	...		-
Certificates of Revocation applied for...	...	...	...	...	...		-
Certificates of Revocation granted..	...	...	...	...	...		-



STANDARD GRANTS.

Applications submitted to Local Authority....	...	...	...	...	67
Approved by Local Authority...	...	...	...	...	67
Work completed...	...	...	...	...	55

FACTORIES ACT 1937 AND 1948

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecutions
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) above in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	19	7	-	-
3. Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers premises)	-	-	-	-
	19	7	-	-

